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Ms. Ruth Y. Goldway
Chairwoman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. A2012-97

Dear Ms. Goldway:

I am writing regarding the appeal submitted by the City of Ashton, Iowa, to prevent the closure of the United States Postal Service office located in that community. As a Senator from Iowa that has substantial rural and small-town population, I am aware of how essential postal services are to the vitality of our communities and local businesses.

I add my voice to those citizens of Ashton seeking to maintain their postal facilities. Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin
United States Senator

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